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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
LALANNE et al : Attn: Charitta A. Burt
Serial No.: 09/786,880 :
Filed: March 8, 2001 :
For: ESSENTIAL GENES..SAID GENES :
600 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10016
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicant(s) respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action be extended for two months until, until September 1, 2002.

PTO Form 2038(02-2000) is enclosed herewith to cover the appropriate fee. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made, and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

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Respectfully submitted,
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